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A MOTHERS' MEETING.

PRIME FACTOR IN REARING OF BOYS AND GIRLS.

Colored Women Unite with their Caucasian Sisters in Perfect Harmony—A Religious Tidal Wave—An Elevator Drops—Other News of the Day.

Hartford, Conn., Special:—For the benefit of those who may not know, especially the ladies of our race and those that are mothers or are the heads of their own households, we wish to state that the ladies of the First Baptist Church, (white) Talcott St., have what is known as a Mother's Meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A number of ladies of color meet with these white sisters every week. They spend these afternoons in listening to papers on various topics such as the bringing up of children, how to be ideal wives and make home happy—in short they discuss all phases of the part they should play in shaping the destiny of mankind. The ladies who are taking advantage of these opportunities are very earnest in their praise of the ladies of the opposite race with whom they meet for the cordial feeling that exists between them. After the Literary or other exercises the meeting always closes with a tea at 4 o'clock. All the ladies of color who are members unite them in perfect harmony. Among the active colored workers are: Mrs. Effie Fish, Mrs. Allie Scott, Mrs. Willie Hill, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Lizzie Green. We call attention to this, so that if any more of our ladies desire to avail themselves of these meetings, they may have the chance. Of course, we would like to see a similar society, composed exclusively of colored ladies for there is intelligence enough among them to support such a society in Hartford as well as most other cities and places in the state. But as there are none among us, and there is a pressing need of such a society, why not take advantage of the one controlled by our white friends? They stand with outstretched arms to receive and welcome us. The thing that is going to help our race today and in the future is the mother's knowledge and ability to train up the boys and girls of to-day who are to become the men and women of years to come. It is true that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

Mrs. Effie Wilson, of Willimantic, who has been making an extended visit through New York State spent a week in Hartford, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson of 41 Warren Street. It was not her intention to stop here, but on reaching her city, she was informed that the street on which she resides was quarantined on account of small-pox which, however, proved later to be chicken pox. So Miss Wilson returned home Saturday.

Miss Julia James, sister of Mrs. Janie James, went to Hartford Hospital on the 14th to be operated on for a tumor. Dr. George Smith, employed at 886 Main Street at the building of the

MEN OF THE HOUR.



HON. HENRY A. RUCKER.

Collector of Internal Revenue, Atlanta, Ga., Conducting Satisfactorily the Most Lucrative Office Held by a Negro in America.

Church of the Redeemer, very narrowly escaped with his life last week. The elevator which he runs broke, and took a plunge from the third floor to the bottom carrying down Mr. Smith. The concussion was so great that it put out every light in the building. Aside from being greatly shaken up, he escaped without injury. This is the third time the elevator has taken a drop.

Mrs. Jennie Austin of Liberty St., after an extended visit to her former home in North Carolina has returned home. Miss Jeanette Edwards of Farmington, Conn., is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Thompson of Belknap Street. Mrs. Braxson of Liberty Street, who was reported convalescent last week from her illness, has had a relapse.

A religious tidal wave is sweeping over Hartford, and the Kingdom of Darkness is being assailed as never before. We are pleased to state the spiritual fervor of the members of Zion Church was started two or more weeks ago, has not abated. All through the week and Sunday, the church was filled with people flowing with anxious souls in quest of the Life and Salvation. Many converts have been made in the spiritual zeal and the church was a veritable antecost was had, for many were baptized in the name of our Lord Jesus, for the remission of sins, and they received the gift of the Holy Ghost, and there was added to the church during the week about 20 persons happy

in the love of Jesus. The nine o'clock prayer meeting was conducted by local Preacher Stacey Graley, and the Lord whom we sought suddenly came to His temple and "there was a shout in the camp." The Pastor, Rev. J. Sulla Cooper, expounded the Gospel at 10:45, on the theme of "God's love," with wonderful effect and a large number were baptized and taken into the church. At the close of the preaching service, Mrs. Kenny Smith, who had been seeking the Light, came out with great rejoicing. Much interest was manifested in the Sunday School lesson. Dr. J. E. Mason was present and electrified the teachers and scholars by an address on the lesson. The spirit carried with us in the C. E. Society, and a large number joined. Rev. Mason offered Christ to a dying world in the evening with great impression and as at the end of the morning service, so in the evening a large number came forward and joined the church. The meeting continued.

Miss Maggie Moore of Huntly Ave., who has been in New York City, visiting friends for some time has returned home. The many friends of Jackson Ross, were glad to see him out Sunday after his protracted illness. Mr. John Frasca, brother of Mrs. Clarence Daniel, returned to Hartford, Wednesday, the 15th, after an absence of several months. He will make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel on Martin Street.

HON. I. T. MONTGOMERY

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A NEW DISPENSATION.

Substantial Merit Weighing More Heavily than Political Activity—Appointed Receiver of Public Moneys—Logical Leader in Mississippi Affairs.

The appointment of Hon. Isiah T. Montgomery as receiver of public moneys at Jackson, Miss., marks the beginning of a new dispensation in the politics of that state, and perhaps in the South. The dethronement of James Hill was not so much a blow at the man, as at the system which he and his following represent. Personally Mr. Hill has an honorable record and his long incumbency as an official and leader bears no blemish. But, changing conditions are bringing forward men who do not make politics a profession. The demand is for factors in the arena of business, industry and finance, and whose activity in matters of government is distinctly apart from selfish considerations. The man who represents this new order who stands out boldly as a leader of the new dispensation is I. T. Montgomery. He is the principle that makes for the betterment of the new Negro in the South and the President could not have made a happier selection.

This interesting character was born a slave on the plantation of Jefferson Davis in Mississippi. Noting the boy's brightness, the late president of the Confederacy made of him a sort of body servant, and he was taught to read and write. With this start he practically educated himself, and when the slaves on the Davis plantation were liberated, Montgomery started north to earn his living. He accumulated a few thousand dollars and returned to Mississippi, conceived the idea of founding a town for the industrious members of his own race who could obtain work from the whites and who who were unsuccessful in working for themselves. He leased plots of ground, which he had purchased at a low rental, with the result that Negro families flocked to this portion of Mississippi from all portions of the gulf states. Today the town has a population of nearly 10,000, contains several important industries, as well as churches and schools. It is what might be called a one-man town, for the mayor has planned and carried out about everything of importance in it. It is the market for a section of the country 50 to 75 miles around it, and one of the most important railway stations on the Illinois Central.

Mr. Montgomery is one of the most ardent supporters of the National Negro Business League, and at the two conventions held by that body in Boston and Chicago, his addressed, teeming with practical thought, drew out much favorable comment. He was the only colored man who sat in the Mississippi state constitutional convention in 1890.

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